

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:4.
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The CHURCH of GOD is MOVING ON

43 new Churches set in order since the Assembly, 2,654 converted, 1,846 sanctified and 1,565 received the Holy Ghost up to March 31. Many more not reported. This is only the beginning of the Revival Season. Many new places of worship being arranged. New and enlarged Headquarters. Extensive preparations being made for the greatest Annual Assembly in the History of the Church.

JACOB and ESAU

TEXT—Be Ye Kind One to Another, Tender-hearted, Forgiving One Another, Even as God for Christ's Sake Hath Forgiveness You.—Eph. 4:32.

F. J. Lee.

While Jacob played a trick on his brother, then ran away from home to shun his wrath he himself became the subject of a trick. Laban offered to him his daughter Rachel if he would serve him seven years, this he did but when he called for Rachel, Laban gave unto him Leah instead. Doubtless Jacob became very angry when he saw that he had been tricked, but faithfully he served Laban another seven years that he might gain the one of his choice.

Doubtless Jacob was made to remember how that he had tricked his own brother. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Jacob stayed many years with his uncle Laban. While Laban changed his wages many times, other words he really worked against Jacob, he saw that Jacob was increasing continually in riches, but himself was continually becoming poorer. Laban tried to hold him down, but God blessed him at every move.

At last Jacob decided to leave Laban, he doubtless realized that his uncle had become very jealous of him. He perhaps felt that if he remained with him a few more years, Laban might through jealousy and prejudice subject him to bondage.

On a certain date Laban was away from home of about a three days journey, where he was shearing sheep. He doubtless had spies looking after Jacob, ready to make a report to him of any unusual move that they might see in Jacob. Doubtless Jacob had his plans well laid to make his departure from Laban's country at the first opportunity. He took advantage of Laban's absence, and away he went taking with him his wives, children, flocks and herds. Laban being notified of his departure, at once set out in pursuit of his son-in-law.

There is no telling what Laban in his wrath would have done or tried to do, but God, had appeared to him in a dream, bidding him to not hurt Jacob. Thus showing God's approval of Jacob's departure and his return to meet his brother, Esau.

Doubtless Jacob during his many years of absence from his brother was tormented by his uneasy conscience because of the wrong he did unto his brother.

Mahaniam

On his final departure from Laban he crossed over the brook Jabbok, there he meets a host of angels, and he calls the name of that place Mahaniam, which means "two hosts" or "two companies." It was his own company and the company of angels. His own company included his two wives and their children, also the handmaids and their children.

Jacob having many flocks and herds, of course made it necessary to have with him many servants, thus we can see how his company could be referred to as a host, meeting an angel host.

While God was caring for and leading Jacob toward Canaan's land literally and physically he

was also leading him spiritually. God encouraged him along the way in shielding him from the fury of Laban, also He sent a host of angels to guide and protect him on his return journey just as he had sent them to comfort him while he was fleeing from Esau.

While God was with Jacob on his journey to dwell with his uncle Laban, He was also with him in his departure from Laban. God led him to the first place, also He led him to the second place. While He was leading He led him to repent of the wrong he had done to his brother. He also led him to make restitution and bring to play every effort that he could that his brother might become reconciled with him.

If we will but only listen to the Lord as He endeavors to lead us, we will find that we have climbed from the old rough, dirty, filthy roads of despair to the road that leads above, "the cast up way," the "highway of holiness."

ILLUSTRATION.

I'm going by the upper road
For that still holds the sun;
I'm climbing thro' night's pastures,
Where starry rivers run;
If you should think to seek me
In my old dark abode
You'll find this writing on the door—
"He's on the upper road."

"In the Boxer Rebellion China sadly wronged the United States. The indemnity awarded our country was nearly fifteen million dollars. We might have gone to war with China to collect it. Instead, we forgave China her debt, remitting nearly the whole of it. China was surprised and pleased at this unexpected turn of affairs as was Jacob when Esau, whom he had wronged, fell on his neck and kissed him. What has been the result? China at once sent a high dignitary to Washington with an expression of his nation's deepest gratitude. And then China met our nation's courtesy with a courtesy of her own; she set aside this great sum and decided to use the income in educating Chinese students in America. Every year six hundred and fifty students, her brightest young men and women, are studying in our various colleges, because of this fund. The United States is being abundantly rewarded for being kind, tender-hearted, forgiving, to China. A nation, as well as an individual, may well practice the Golden Rule."

It makes no difference how serious the case may be, we must forgive the penitent who comes and asks forgiveness. Every individual must do this if he expects the Lord to forgive him.

Every church should encourage the backslider, yet if he does not repent he should be disfellowshipped. This of course is to be done only after every effort has been put forth to reclaim him. Paul in 2 Cor. 2:7, admonishes that the Church forgive one who has received sufficient punishment inflicted by many, (The Church in conference) lest perhaps such a

one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. At the eleventh verse he indicates that if the Church doesn't forgive, Satan would take advantage of her, then of course she would fail or go down in defeat. Then how important it is that we encourage the forgiving spirit.

Some may call us soft, weakling, weak-kneed or that we are too easy, but I had much rather feel that I had the smiles and approval of the Lord for having shown myself tender-hearted and kind with a spirit to forgive the penitent, whoever he may be, than to show a stubborn, self-willed, ungrateful spirit.

If the Lord has forgiven us we should be grateful and forgive others.

THE GIFT OF GOD

Sam Romans.

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son. Jno. 3:16.

How should a man be just (righteous) with God? Asked the Patriarch, Job. It has been the vital question ever since Adam sinned and lost his righteousness and forfeited his life. The answer is:

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Roman 5:1. By grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God! Not of works lest any man should boast. Eph. 2:8, 9.

In the beginning, life and righteousness were the gift of God to man. Only the Creator could bestow the gift of the first. When lost, only creative power can restore it. Man can not justify himself. The law of God declares all men sinners. Not only did Adam's posterity inherit of necessity a sinful nature; but every soul of man has wrought sin at the fruits of that nature.

As by one man, sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. Rom. 5:12. There is no difference. Jew or Gentile, bond or free, they are all in the same lost condition, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. The sinner finds himself a transgressor, condemned to death by a holy law. He turns to it with the thought, I will do what it says and become righteous and win life, but he cannot undo the fact that he has sinned. A holy law can only cry Guilty! to one who has transgressed it. The law declares righteousness. It cannot give it as the Scripture says. We know that whatsoever the law saith, it speaks to them that are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore, by the deeds of the law, there shall no flesh be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. Rom. 3:19, 20. The guilt exists. No deeds that man can do, can undo it or cover it from a righteous law. Not only that, but as soon as the law declares what righteousness is, the sinner finds that its demands are altogether beyond the power of his flesh to meet. It calls for a kind of work that fallen human nature cannot so much as approach. Paul cried out when struggling under conviction: We know that the law is Spiritual but I am carnal sold under sin. Rom. 7:14. The carnal mind is enmity against God for it is

not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be, so then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. Rom. 8:7, 8. But the awakened sinner is yet in the flesh. He finds the law his guilt and condemning him to death. He cannot wash away the past or hide it. He cannot obey God's law with a carnal mind and that is all the mind he has. He is lost and helpless of himself and longs for the way of escape. Paul's cry in the same position is the cry of the despairing heart that has not found the Saviour. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? Rom. 7:24. Thank God there is an answer to that cry for every sinner: The Free Gift of Christ. Following that despairing cry of human helplessness, "Who shall deliver me," there came the believer's shout of praise,—"I thank God thru Jesus Christ our Lord, He is the deliverer for He gave Himself for our sins that He might deliver us." The way of escape and salvation is the gift of God's love. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. No sinner has need to plead that God may be willing to forgive him. The Lord invites and is pleading with sinners to accept salvation. For man's sins, He died that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. In Him was met the penalty of the law; but it was a sinless sacrifice. He, through the eternal Spirit, offered Himself without spot to God. Heb. 9:14. Therefore Death could not hold Him. He arose in the power of an endless life to be man's advocate, priest and Saviour, ministering His grace and righteousness and life to every one who will receive them. The righteousness that He wrought out of man in human flesh, He longs to put in every human heart, as in His own flesh in Judea. He walked and lived the life of righteousness, so now by the Holy Spirit, He walks in human lives today. This means forgiveness and deliverance from the power of the flesh and a new life of power and righteousness and justification wrought within by the indwelling Saviour. How may we receive him, with all this great salvation? By faith, by believing His promises that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith. Eph. 3:17. Christ in all His fullness abiding within:

This is the mystery of the Gospel which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It means an ever-present, ever-living Saviour, able to save to the uttermost parts of the earth. FORGIVENESS. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 Jno. 1:9. DELIVERANCE FROM THE FLESH. The cleansing by Christ's indwelling power, means that the old life of self is subdued, our old man is crucified with Him. Rom. 6:6. Praise God. It is all of Christ and not of any of the works of man that we have done, therefore it is as the oath and promise of God. We can lose the experience only as we let Christ go out of us by unbelief. God forbid that we do this and help us to be quick to repent and again lay hold of Him by faith. If ever we find we have let Him go and have lost the covering of His righteousness.

A VISIT TO HEADQUARTERS

Wonderful Progress and Development

E. C. Clark.

Being rather tired and worn from the continuous strain of travel and preaching most every night while in the middle west, the writer decided to return to the Eastern hills for a rest of a few days with friends and relatives, which trip was made by Cleveland, Tenn., paying a short visit to Headquarters, which was very pleasing to find things moving on so rapidly. We may truly say that the Church of God is a "Twentieth Century" invention, keeping pace with the spirit of the times, both in spirituality and growth. We were informed that many of the various publications of the Publishing House was in excess of previous issue, and a good healthy spirit seemed to prevail in all its branches.

A Joyful Surprise Awaiting

I want to say right here that the delegation of the coming annual Assembly has the greatest and most joyful surprise awaiting them at Headquarters that has ever greeted any previous delegation in attendance at any previous Assembly of the Church of God, while last General Assembly was far surpassing in attendance by hundreds, over previous Assemblies, yet the steady growth of the Church this year, will bring to Cleveland hundreds of new delegates. The steady stream of Ministers that are day by day attaching themselves to the Church of God, tell something of its progress and steady growth which will continue to swell as the days go by, and to this must be added the new churches that are daily being set in order, and many whole Pentecostal Churches of other organizations have come in this year swelling by the hundreds.

The Cause

What has caused it? God of course, but yet there is some tangible evidences that must be convincing to the hungry, inquiring mind. What could it be? Only one thing and that is UNITY of the SPIRIT and UNITY of FAITH that is beginning to prevail throughout the Church of God. These things are convincing the honest hearts of all.

Good Government

Yet another thing that must not be overlooked, as it has been the governing factor that has brought about this blessed spirit of UNITY existing today, and that is the Staple Government of the Church of God. This has acted as a binder holding God's children and ministers together giving God a chance to bless and manifest HIMSELF through that of which He approves. The UNIFORMITY of Doctrine has been brought about by the Government of the Church. This has caused the ministers to believe and preach the same thing, which has resulted in a blessed spirit of UNITY as of course there must, of a necessity be Uniformity before there could be UNITY. The government of the Church of God is so closely woven that it causes all to move together, this gives strength and will win when all else fails. Let us forget that the strength of any nation lies in

its Government, and the adherence of its subjects to that government. Just so it is with the Church of God. It is that which is bringing about the joyful surprise that is awaiting for the large delegation of both old and new comers with radiant faces to the General Assembly of the Church of God, which shall convene this fall.

A New Greeting

Not only will the delegates of the next Annual Assembly have a joyful surprise at the meeting of hundreds of new and radiant faces, awaiting them in the city of Cleveland, Tennessee, but there will greet them, the new "Publishing House" in its new home. A nice, large, roomy, spacious, conspicuous brick building right in the heart of the city of Cleveland, right at the courthouse. Think of it. That will take away that blush that you have always had when you went over in the old frame building. It will not only make you feel that you are "One of them" but it will make you feel that we are growing as we should. And it will make you feel at home, for the spirit of the officials have that touch to them. We ought to stop right here and say, "Hurrah for Jesus, and the Church of God." Try it.

Description

First: A brick of bricks, dimensions, front 77 ft., length 100 ft., and eight inches, on the corner and on the pavement, height being three stories, constructed of eighteen inch walls throughout, rock finish. A big, beautiful impressive home, for the Church of God Evangel, and its offices.

The first floor has three large store rooms. Two will be rented I suppose as is at present, while one will be the press room and the permanent home of the "Evangel," containing all the associate machinery of the Publishing House. Doesn't this make you feel better? The second floor will contain the general offices, such as General Overseer's office, Editor and Publisher's office, General Secretary's office and a number of other office rooms for proof-reading, bookkeepers, stenographers, sales office etc., all finished up nicely just to serve the Church of God, and its business associates. The third floor alone has, I believe about thirty rooms which will, I suppose be rented as apartments etc., and is so arranged that by a small change can be converted into a nice large auditorium room in the center, seating several hundred people.

Progress

This is, in my mind, one of the greatest and wisest moves ever made by the officials of the Church of God. It was not only badly needed, to care for the ever increasing work of the Church, but it was needed for the safety of the Publishing House, as the old frame was a dangerous structure on account of fire, making the insurance very expensive, and which was also very unhandy for us, as well as the business public, which the Publishing House has to serve. Not only was this a very badly needed addition, but it is an asset. It is a sound and a sane investment, that any business house or

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We will do our best to keep from making mistakes, but if we make a mistake we will take pleasure in correcting it if you notify us.

We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield. If nothing else, a postal card telling how to make the Evangel a medium of information as well as a spiritual blessing.

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REVIVAL IN PROGRESS

John L. Stephens, Pastor at Ft. Myers, Florida is now engaged in a revival meeting at Manatee, Florida with the pastor, H. B. Simmons. A good report is confidentially expected from this meeting.

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

A very successful revival recently came to a close at Etowah, Tennessee. The result of which is a good church set in order with thirty-four members and prospects of many more to follow. Plans are under consideration for a permanent place of worship and prospects are really bright for that heretofore neglected field. This meeting was started by E. L. Moore and later joined with him Herbert, Annie and Nellie Walker, Brother Harry Whittington and others. Brother E. L. Moore is pastor and is expected to move there in the next few days. We are of the opinion that this place is very fortunate in procuring the valuable services of Brother and Sister Moore. Their friends wish for them the very best of success.

ORPHANAGE WORK

We very much appreciate the loyal support given the Church of God Orphanage and Childrens Home by our churches, ministers, members and friends. A great number of our people feel that this is one of the most important features of the Church work. They are in real sympathy with the homeless and neglected and are proving the same by their support of this most worthy cause. It might be interesting to many of our readers to know that the Church of God in Miami, Fla. has been taking the lead in contributions to this work.

A HURRIED VISIT

The editor and family made a quick trip to Knoxville, Solway and Morristown for the week end. We attended the District Convention for one service, which convened at Morristown Saturday and Sunday. This convention was well attended and many gave interesting reports. T. L. McLain, Overseer of Tennessee and M. W. Letsinger, Overseer of Illinois, were present. D. A. Biggs of Knoxville is pastor and District Overseer. Brother Bailey gave a very interesting report of his churches and a wonderful prospect of further development in his part of the district. Others made encouraging reports. Brother Allen and family favored us with a much appreciated song, "Old Camp Meeting Times," while many of the saints rejoiced, danced and talked in tongues. A report of this convention will probably appear in a later issue of this paper.

NEW HEADQUARTERS

We are receiving a number of letters of congratulations on the recent purchase of the three story brick building on the corner of Church and 32d Sts., right in the heart of the city, formerly known as the Cate's Block, to be used for Publishing House and office rooms for gen-

NOTICES

ORPHANAGE PROGRAM AND HOME COMING DAY

On Saturday night, June 12th, an interesting program will be rendered at the Church of God, Calhoun, Georgia by some of the orphan children from the Orphan's Home, Cleveland, Tenn.

On the 13th of June, Home Coming Day will be observed at the Church of God, Crane Eater, Georgia. The orphan children will render an interesting program on this occasion also.

Every member of the Crane Eater church is expected to be present.

We are expecting some of the brethren from Cleveland to be present and preach for us on this occasion.

Come and enjoy a feast of good things with us.—J. R. Davis, District pastor.

DEDICATORIAL SERVICE

There will be a dedicatorial service at the Church of God at Plant City, Florida, June 6th D. V. Everybody is cordially invited to be present on that date.

We are expecting some good things from the Lord. Brother Self is expected to be theretodicate the church for us, also to unite the two churches (Plant City Church and the Oaks Church.) There will be all day service with dinner on the ground. We have made arrangements with the Tampa band to make the music for us.

I am sure you will miss a good feast if you miss this, we will be expecting you. COME, praying and expecting a good time in the Lord.—John E. Conatser, Pastor.

The Church of God on First Creek, Blue Diamond, Ky., which was recently transferred over from the Mountain Assembly, would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: Carlie (Johnson) Hawkins, Lula Quinton, Henry Wells, Bertha Burkhardt, Rebecca Biamond, Andrew Brewer, Nellie Benett, Martha Sharp, Venters Gayhart and Bertha Gayhart.—J. A. Muncy, Ravenna, Ky., Pastor.

To all whom it may concern:

eral Headquarters. Work is progressing very satisfactorily in arranging and preparing for the removal of the work from on Gaut St. The old Evangel Building is expected to be used for dormitory quarters to aid in taking care of the tremendous crowds who attend the general Assembly of the Churches of God which convenes in this city annually. We appreciate the many words of approval from our business and professional men in the city and the many letters from our ministers, members and friends over the states. The Church of God is moving on.

BOY'S HOME

We are building quite an addition to the boy's home, known as the Kentucky home, which is a part of the unit of the Church of God Orphanage and Childrens Home. This addition was very much needed as the kitchen and dining room were inadequate for the number of bright eyed boys who are now inmates of this home. This addition consists of a large kitchen and dining room. By this it will enable us to use the previous kitchen and dining room for sleeping quarters and thereby increase materially the capacity of this particular home.

WORK WHILE IT IS DAY

BESOCO, W. Va.—It has been some time since I have written to the paper and I feel that I should write just a few lines to tell of God's goodness to me. I praise Him for His love and ah! what mercy He shows unto the children of men continually. I'm so glad that He spared my life until I received salvation. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the precious Holy Ghost, and we trust the Lord for our healing and He has never turned us away. It is high

This is to notify you that C. L. Arrington, formerly pastor of the Church of God at 79 Massillon Road, Akron, Ohio is no longer a minister or member of the Church of God.—E. Haynes, State Overseer of Ohio.

If any one knows the address of Mrs. Maggie Spires, last heard of at Thomaston, Ga. please write W. J. Cook, Route 1, Dothan, Ala.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

We will have our District Convention at Dalton, Ga. July 3, 4. We will have all day meeting and dinner on the ground Sunday. We invite all our brothers and sisters to be with us on the above dates.

We are expecting our General Overseer, Brother F. J. Lee, on Sunday. We are expecting other good preachers to be with us. Come and let us have a good time in the Lord.—J. B. Weeks, Pastor.

I would like to hear from Sister McClung last heard of at Sapulpa, Okla.—Mrs. A. B. Haworth, Route 1, Walters, Okla.

TO THE PASTORS AND CHURCHES IN THE STATE OF OHIO

Sister Nannie Ruth Hage-wood, general solicitor for the Orphanage and childrens Home at Cleveland, Tenn. expects to be in Ohio soon. We heartily welcome Sister Hage-wood to the State and trust all the pastors and churches where she visits will give her a hearty welcome and contribute liberally to this great and worthy cause.—E. Haynes, State Overseer.

I expect to spend the month of June in South Georgia. If any one desires our service in meetings while there please write me at once.—S. J. Heath, Lindale, Ga.

I would like to get in touch with the clerk or deacon of the Church of God at Whitwell, Tenn.—G. L. Varnes, Poplar Creek, Miss.

time that His children were up and about the Father's business for the night is coming when men cannot work. Let us not be ashamed to declare the works of our Lord. We, who were once soldiers for Uncle Sam, let's be just as brave soldiers for our Lord, who is able to help us overcome and hold up the blood stained banner of Jesus Christ unto a lost and sinful nation. Pray for us at this place.—E. A. Blankenship.

Determined To Win the Battle

DAVENPORT, Ark.—I feel impressed today to write a few words of praise to the Evangel because I am filled with the blessed Holy Ghost, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. Am a member of the Church of God and trust the Lord for both soul and body. We have a church set in order at Step Rock, Arkansas with several members and Brother Cox as our pastor. We are expecting the Lord to bless us in our efforts. Pray for us at this place that we may win the fight.—Mrs. Francis Query.

PERILOUS TIMES AHEAD

POPLAR CREEK, Miss.—I want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel. We have a fine Sunday School here at this place and our number is increasing. Brother E. L. Wright visited our church on Saturday and Sunday night and I must say that the Lord had His hand upon Him in giving out His Word. The sinners all love Bro. Wright and I will say right here, he is going to preach here again the 3d Sunday in June. Come and be with us, all who are in reach. Ah, I too realize that perilous times are coming and it behooves us all to have on the whole armour of God that we may be able to stand. Pray

for this place.—G. L. Varnes and wife.

EXPECTING GOOD REVIVAL

ACKERMAN, Miss.—I just thank the Lord for the way He has been blessing at this place. I praise Him for the great plan of salvation. I just thank God for the plan of salvation and for the Scripture where it says, whosoever believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life.

We don't have services very often as there is not a church here but we are expecting Bro. C. G. Edwards to hold a meeting in the future and all who read this, please pray for the Lord to give us a wonderful revival at this place.—Susie Erwin.

Standing For Truth and Right

LOGAN, W. Va.—I would like to write a few lines of praise to the dear Lord for He has done so much for me. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and have a desire to go on. I am trusting the Lord for my body as well as my soul. We have a few people here who are standing for the truth and are going through with the Lord. We love our pastor Bro. W. W. Harmon.—H. W. Carter, Box No. 144.

The Church Needs Further Extension and Strengthening

Ida McCoy.

For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ St. John 1:17. There is so much to say about this, we hardly know how to begin. I was struck by a few words in President Coolidge's annual message to Congress dated December 8, 1925. This message was read in both the House and the Senate. Just before they proceeded to take up this work for the sixty-ninth session, the message contained about ten thousand words and dealt with more than forty different subjects and the president said at the very beginning, "We're going in the right direction." Yes, the Church of God steadily moving in the right direction. The Church does not require radical departure from any of her doctrines and teachings but needs further extension and strengthening on each side of all her beautiful teachings, but she must make steady advancement on all points and especially the truth if we are to be valiant soldiers for Jesus Christ and efficient workers in His vineyard, the Word of truth must dwell richly in us. We can then be depended upon.

Uncle Sam has a military force or strength of 558,400 men, this includes the army, navy, marine, corporals, national guard and organized reserves. All these soldiers are in command and are true to their trust, ready for any emergency that might arise, then why not the Church of God be organized until she can gain the victory over the enemy. She can. The reason she does not in every case, is because of faithlessness and dishonesty among her soldiers. One time I traveled forty miles to hear a Church of God minister preach and to my surprise he was not there. The large congregation was disappointed. No word of excuse nor no substitute. I know circumstances alters cases in lots of things but let us give some explanation on the matter. Don't say, "The Lord did not lead that way."

The Lord never leads us to make an appointment and break

it with no legal excuse. There is no contradiction in God's way. The Church of God is headed right, but let's all strive to see failures and truthfulness as well as all other faults for she must be spotless without fault before Him at His coming and while we are giving diligence to these things, be humble for success for the betterment of the Church depends on humility.

A Visit to Headquarters

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Real Estate Firm would have gladly jumped at, for when we consider the purchase price, it will then be definitely understood that God must have pulled the deal for the Church of God, as it is a miraculous bargain worth more than twice what was paid for it, and would cost three times as much to construct it, and not only did the business men of the city recommend its purchase but they were glad to see the Church of God get it, as they are interested in the Church and the work the Church is doing in training the minds of the young ministers, and caring for the many little orphans.

A Necessity

I have always maintained the idea, that for a church or any other institute to grow and make a success, that there must be permanent improvements, suitable to its growth in the future. When we think of the fact that the Church has not only its multiplied thousands to serve, but that there will be, from time to time, thousands coming into it, then we can see the wisdom in the purchase of such property, by the officials of the Church that are ever watching for the progress and welfare of the Church, and right here I want to commend them for this purchase, believing it to be one of the greatest steps forward that we have ever made, not only from a business standpoint but a more properly located and designed building would have been hard to find.

A Busy Editor

I think I would hardly do justice to our highly esteemed and efficient Editor, without saying something for him, it was my highly appreciated privilege to spend the most of the day while in the city with him, and I found him always going, busy, not only as an Editor, but as a Superintendent of construction. An enlargement was being made to the boys home of the Orphanage. This was also under his management, as was also the remodeling and equipping of the Publishing House, making ready for the change into permanent quarters, and while I was with him, seeing how busy he was, going from place to place, receiving the business calls over the phone, and business callers and salesmen calling for an interview as to prospective sales, and observed his care, his answers, his depth of thought before doing things, I was made to think we have the very best we could have in Bro. J. S. Llewellyn, as an Editor, Publisher, and Manager of the business that comes under his immediate care and observation.

A Pleasing Man

It seemed to be with the high-

est of appreciation that each salesman or business caller approached him, and was treated in a way that I am sure will make them want to call again, and as I was listening on one occasion to one salesman expressing himself how Brother Llewellyn had pulled the Publishing House out of debt, under his management, and continued to push forward in such a way that, instead of there being a scarcity of credit, the salesman was begging to let him ship his goods. I thought again we had an Editor and Publisher, we should be proud of, and of course we are.

A Good Dinner

While all the other events were passing, the hour for lunch arrived, and having received a pleasing invitation to have lunch with the Editor, we found ourselves at noon seated around a well prepared table laden with such pleasing foods as any good wife like Sister Llewellyn knows how to prepare. Brother Llewellyn and I knowing how to eat, and with an appetite suitable for the occasion, were made to especially enjoy the hospitality of this good Christian home. May God bless Bro. and Sister Llewellyn and family good, and while the Bible says, "Thou shalt not covet," I can scarcely refrain from saying I would be glad to have the reward I feel God will give to our beloved Editor, J. S. Llewellyn.

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GIVES PRAISE TO GOD

MARKS, Miss.—Dear Brother Rouse: When I sent the handkerchief to you I was suffering severely with a cough. I could not keep anything I ate on my stomach, I would cough everything up immediately, but when the handkerchief came back I applied it to my body and was healed. I give God the praise.—Mrs. Sevelia Hubbard.

STOOD FIRM—HEALED

TARPONSPRINGS, Fla. I want to sound a few words of praise to the Lord for the way He is blessing my family. About three weeks ago my husband and oldest child was taken sick of flu. I called the dear saints to pray for them and the Lord touched their bodies, but after the saints would leave the devil would jump on them again and make them worse than ever. Praise God, I kept trusting the Lord until He healed both of them and I am praising Him for it today. Oh, how sweet it is to trust in God for everything. I don't feel one bit discouraged, but feel like pressing on to the high mark of the calling of Jesus Christ.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that my husband and I will get closer to the Lord and be able to do His will at all times. Also pray for the church at this place.—Mrs. T. A. Fletcher.

LORD CAN SAVE AND HEAL

NAUVOO, ALA.—I want to praise the Lord for victory in my soul over sin and the devil. I am saved, sanctified and the comfort of the Holy Ghost still sweetly abides, also am a member of the Church of God and am determined to hold to God's unchanging hand. Our number is few, who are standing for the Church of God here at Nauvoo but we're glad of the promises where He said He would never leave nor forsake His own. Brother Clyde Dodds was with us last night. Surely God has His hand upon him, for we think him a real true blue man of God.

I had been suffering with my side for several days and could hardly raise my right arm; was not able to do anything, so we called for Brother Dodds and Brother and Sister Tucker of Carbon Hill who came and prayed for me; laid hands on me and according to His Word, the pain left. Thank God. I'm truly thankful that I ever learned that there was a Saviour who could heal as well as save our soul.

My husband is saved and is seeking the full blessing, pray for him.—Bertha Cagle.

TRUST GOD AND NOT MAN

REFORM, Miss.—The way grows brighter to me each day. Thank the Lord. I thank the Lord for his past blessings unto me. I chewed tobacco for forty-two years and for about fifty-two years drank coffee but about three years ago I quit the use of drugs, quit tobacco and whiskey and it did not take me forever to quit either but I made up my mind one morning before breakfast that I would not touch it again and that vow still holds good. I love to read the Evangel, love the Church of God and am doing my best to serve the Lord in the beauty of holiness.—W. Overby.

LIFE LONG AFFLICTION HEALED

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—I feel that the Lord would have me testify through the Evangel to His goodness and mercy to me. I came to this city in March and soon found the dear old church shining for God, on 1619 W. Market Street, under the shepherdship of Rev. D. P. Barnett. A revival has been running at this place and I attended each night. Many may remember me by my life long affliction of bone tubercular trouble. I suffered as an invalid sixteen years until I got a glimpse of Jesus and touched His garment by faith and He made me every whit whole, in March 1921. He stop-

ped the discharge of those open sores, healing over night and I have not used a bandage since. Glory! In August 1915 I received the baptism with the Holy Ghost and spoke with tongues and Jesus still witnesses for Himself.

The trend of these services have been the second coming of Jesus and of His days of preparation. Ah! my soul has been stirred. A deep love for humanity has ever possessed me, even in justification. I see no time for gossiping, idle talking or fault finding. "If thy brother offend thee, go tell him his fault between him and thee alone." If we as saints can get the "old man" murdered out right, I conclude more will make it in the Rapture. Jolting the old fellow or keeping him numbed is not enough he finds too many occasions to arise and manifest himself and we are ever repenting, but if the flesh be dead we shall not serve sin.—Wilbert Halle.

AROSE FROM BED

ELBOWOODS, N. DAK.—I promised the Lord some time ago if He would heal my son I would write to the Evangel and tell of His wondrous power to heal. He was taken sick on February 2d and was under treatment of the doctor but day by day was growing weaker which was finally called a hopeless case. All that while, I had been sending Evangelists to him to encourage him. Praise the Lord. It was encouraging to read the good testimonies. We got a message from the school where he was, that if we wanted him at home he would have to be brought in a cot. When his father went after him, I put in most of my time praying for him and fasted every morning, for I knew the Lord was able to do all things. I decided to just leave it with the Lord and let Him have his way with my son, and praise the Lord, he got up from the bed and came home, was not brought in a cot. Glory to Jesus. All things are possible to him that believeth. I sent a handkerchief to Brother L. G. Rouse to be anointed and prayed over for his healing, so when it arrived, I laid it on his body in Jesus' name. He is gradually improving day by day. I had something like flu when I received the handkerchief and as I opened the envelope, the power of God went through my body like electricity and was healed instantly.

I have surely been tested since I've received the Holy Ghost. So many times discouragements arise, but I look unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. He has done so much for me; has healed my children many times. I cannot praise him enough for what He has already done for me. I am the only one in my family that is saved and I ask everyone who reads this to pray for the rest of my family.—Mrs. Letha Howard.

HEALED THROUGH OBEDIENCE

MORGANTOWN, W. Va.—I feel like testifying of God's goodness to me and tell of how He has so wonderfully blessed us. I can never praise Him enough for what He has done for me. He is surely a prayer answering God and keeps us all the time.

I praise the Lord for sending the saints of God here to teach us the truth.

Some time ago I fell and hurt my hand and could not use my arm part of the time. The family wanted a doctor, but I refused. My trust and faith was in God. I was not attending church at the time of this and I felt that if I would go to attending church, He would heal me, so when I decided to go to church and proved to Him that I would attend, just as I stepped in at the church door, He touched my arm and by His power I was healed. Surely the work was done complete. I cannot praise the dear Lord enough for this. God has healed me many times for which I praise Him. I mean to live for Jesus till the last step

of the way. The more I learn of Him the greater need I feel for more of His power.—Mytlena Taylor.

RESULT OF OBEDIENCE

MANATEE, FLA.—My boy was taken ill a few days ago and became seriously bad, I had a doctor treat him for three or four days but he seemed to grow weaker. I had a handkerchief which L. G. Rouse had anointed for my wife's healing, a few weeks before, so I laid it on him and told the Lord if He would heal him I would testify to it through the Evangel. From then he began to grow stronger, and is now playing and getting along all right. J. O. Rosier.

GOD HEALS TODAY

ONEONTA, Ala.—I want to praise the Lord for His healing power. Back in the winter I had smothering spells right often, and my heart bothered me in-somuch I thought I would die, but praise God He healed me and I give Him all the praise for it. I ask all who read this, to pray that I may also be healed of asthma, chills and a hurting in my lungs. Pray that I may do the will of the Lord.—Mrs. J. E. Allen.

RELIEVED

DAMASCUS, Ga.—I am praising God for salvation and victory over sin, also I praise Him for His healing power that heals my body when I get sick. Last year I suffered a great deal with my back and sent a handkerchief to Cleveland to be anointed and prayed over, which was returned and I promised that I would testify of it. I am feeling better yet I am not completely healed though I know the Lord will heal. He saved my soul, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and is helping me to live for him day by day, and I ask all who reads this to pray that I may stay under the blood at all times and do His biddings in whatsoever He would have me do.—Ona B. Jones.

HEALED MANY TIMES

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio.—I truly thank God tonight because He wonderfully saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost, glory. He carried my children safely through the measles and has healed my body many times and also my husband has been healed. Glory to God forever.

All who read this pray that my husband may receive the Holy Ghost and that I will stay humble at the foot of the cross. Praise His dear name. I belong to the glorious Church of God and am proud of it.—Mrs. A. C. Hinkle.

A WONDERFUL HEALER

HAZLEHURST, Ga.—To-day finds me still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I want to praise the Lord for His mighty healing power. I sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse to anoint and I was healed before I received it. Praise the Lord. I am still praising Him for the way He blessed me. He healed my head and I promised Him I would testify to it. I sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse for the healing of my daughter. She is not healed, but the Lord showed me she was saved. I want to live humble before Him each day and do His blessed will. I feel nearer my home each day.

I ask the saints to pray for me that the Lord will use me to His own glory and that my life will be a blessing wherever I go.—Mrs. M. F. Reynolds.

Requests

Mrs. F. J. Rudesill, Bradford, Ark. requests prayer for her unsaved brother-in-law that he may be healed of bone erysipelas, but most of all that he may give his heart to God.

S. S. Wright, Cincinnati, Ohio requests prayer that he may be sanctified and receive the Holy Ghost. He also wants some one to write to him. He wants to be used to the glory of God.

NEATNESS AND CLEANLINESS

Roy E. Blackwood

I have heard and read so extremely much here of late on worldly dress, paint, powder etc. and heard so little said about neatness and cleanliness until I am afraid the world will think we are nothing but trash sure enough.

To begin with I wish to call your attention to a verse of Scripture found in 2 Cor. 7:1 which reads as follows: Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

I believe it means more than to just throw away our tobacco when the Apostle Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, said for us to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh. I believe it involves the fact that children of God who have obtained these exceeding great and precious promises should be the neatest and cleanest people on earth. I go to lots of places that I could conscientiously prescribe water, soap and elbow grease as a remedy for their diseases. I believe it is a sin to neglect our bodies and fail to give them necessary attention, taking necessary baths etc.

I know preachers and lay members who spend all their time telling folks how to get clean on the inside when they themselves need to get clean on the outside. Paul says, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's."

It would be useless to dress up everything on the inside of a house and just let things go to rack on the outside. Why not fix up and dress up and clean up things both on the inside and outside. Things would look better, the nice things you have on the inside will appear better or look better. You can take nice furniture and place it in an old rundown, shabby, worn out, ugly house, and it won't look good, neither does salvation have its attraction and fascinating features where people who possess it just dress anyway and go dirty and shabby.

I heard of an expression like this just recently, "I have quit trying to look pretty," and left the impression that we should not fix up ourselves any. I just wondered if this person was trying to look ugly now instead of trying to look pretty. Of course, I do not believe in these extreme short dresses, neither do I believe God intended for us to use paint and change the color of our lips and faces as some are doing to-day. If the Lord had wanted our lips red I believe He would have made them extremely red in the beginning. Neither do I believe we should use powder to the extent that it would disfigure our looks, but I have been to places where I would rather have smelled powder or perfume as what I did smell.

I have never felt like asking the barber to not put powder on my face when he got through shaving me, in fact I think we would accomplish more if we would get in the middle of the road and not sway to the right or to the left. There are two extremes in the world to-day, I will not say in the Church. One brother said sometime ago that the Church of God was going arm in arm with the world. I beg leave to differ with him. I do not believe the Church of God is going arm in arm with the world, of course there may be a few a little on the extreme in dress, but I think the number who fails to come up to the standard in neatness far outnumber the others.

I firmly believe that some of our preachers and exhorters would accomplish more if they could find another subject to preach on once in a while instead of spending all their time preaching on paint, powder and short dresses. What good have you done when you get in the stand and ridicule and abuse people who come to hear you preach who haven't salvation? You hurt their feelings, they get up and leave the church perhaps

never to come back to hear you again. Why not preach about the good old time religion, or in other words, the Bible, as Paul exhorted Timothy to do, preach the Word. Then when you get folks saved from a life of sin they will shed off these extremely worldly things. If you want to get the leaves off of a tree would it be wisdom to get a ladder and try to pick them off? I should say, No! First kill the root of the tree and the leaves will shed off.

What good have you done when you hurt folk's feelings and drive them from your church by such preaching? We can't skin folks and compel them to do right, we are free moral agents; when love fails there is no use to begin to club your congregation. Love is what lifted me.

If the man who won me for God, in Mississippi had jumped on me about the way I was dressing and run me down in his preaching, no doubt I would not be enjoying full and free salvation as I am to-day, but he preached to get us saved from a life of sin. What good have you accomplished when you become impatient with some of your congregation because they don't dress as you think they should and you get up in the pulpit and mock them powdering before the glass, and hurt their feelings and drive them away? You can take a handsome, nice dressed gentleman who demands the respect of the fair minded public and let him put on a pair of old run over shoes, a flopped hat, a dirty shirt, a pair of pegged top trousers, twice too large for him, let his hair grow down his neck and over his ears, not shave for two or three weeks and let him walk in the stand to preach and his congregation will leave the building. While on the other hand a seemingly ugly man can fix up, dress up, straighten up and make a good appearance, hold his congregation and get folks saved.

Undoubtedly it must be that some people think the 3d chapter of Isaiah from the 17th to the 25th verse means for us to pull off our glasses, chains, hoods, veils, bonnets and instead of sweet smell there shall be a stench.

I firmly believe that lots of fine people have been driven away from our meetings by a class of extremists and fanatics when if good, common, horse sense had been used perhaps these very folks could have been won for the Lord and His Church.

Once, just after I married, I went twelve miles from home and bought a \$5.00 pig, brought him home, put him in the stable and he got out. I spent two or three days looking for him. At last I found his trail. I put some corn in his trail and baited him. The next day I went back and took my stand and in a few minutes I heard the pig grunting, coming down the trail. I threw corn to him and got as close to him as I could, jumped my full length to catch him by the leg and such a fall I never had before. I just touched the pig's leg and away he went as hard as he could run. The next day I tried telling him by throwing grains of corn to him, he followed very slowly down the

trail. I felt like picking up a stick and knocking him down, but what good would it have done. At last I landed him in the stable by tolling him.

Many times perhaps we feel like telling folks just what we think of them and perhaps it would be lawful, but not expedient. I want to emphasize the fact that godliness and holiness means cleanliness, not only in spirit, but body also, not only in these two, but in our homes, the beds, the floors, in cooking, in fact everything.

Some one says, "Oh! I don't think we should wear a collar, the world wears them." Well my brother, the world wears shoes, a hat etc. Jesus wore the garments that were commonly worn in His day. I don't think He wore suits of clothes as the men of our day.

Let us use common sense, get in the middle of the road and stay there.

Let Our Lights Shine

WYNNE, Ark.—I just want to praise God this morning for what He is to me and I praise Him for the sweet gift that He gave to the world to redeem us. To think of that sweet love God had for us while we were yet in sin. Dear ones, we the children of light ought to love every one. By our kindness and love we can help some fallen one or some one that is slowly sinking in despair.

Are we showing some of that great love that Jesus had by helping lift up some poor brother or sister who is down in spirit, or are we pushing them farther on down by our coldness? God forbid that we, the children of just sit down and the world in God should hide our lights and darkness as it is. We can do some good if we just stay sweet and loving and always ready to help encourage some poor one around us, even if we can't get in big revivals our holy life must begin at home and around our neighbors.

No wonder in some places there are poor sinners that are so far from God, so many are drawn farther in sin just by watching some one that is preaching a Holy life but not living it. Oh, if we would just stop and look around us we can see work for all of God's children. Lord help me to live the Holy life is my greatest desire and oh, I want to be meek. Dear

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REPORTS

VERY MUCH ALIVE

FORREST CITY, Ark.—I want to send a word or two of testimony to the Church of God Evangel to-day as we have not written very much lately. No doubt some will begin to think that Arkansas is getting in the back ground, but not so. We are very much alive yet thank God. God is still blessing in different parts of the State.

We have just closed a very successful meeting at Haynes Church. On Sunday, March 25th Brother C. G. Edwards of Cleveland Miss. came to our rescue and began firing the shot and shell of the Gospel into the enemy's ranks. Although the weather was cold and we were crowded for room and the devil put up a strong fight, yet he was finally rebuked and had to beat a retreat. All glory be to God on high.

The result of this meeting as near as we could get, was nine converted, six sanctified and eight received the Holy Ghost. Brother Edwards had to close and go to Poplar Grove, Mississippi. We did not have baptismal service, but there are quite a number to be baptized and quite a number to be added to the church.

The church at Haynes is in better condition than it ever was before, more unity and love than ever and the power of God is manifested at every service. I also want to say to the Overseer of Mississippi, Brother G. C. Dunn, if you have any more preachers like Brother Edwards I wish you would send some more over this way.

We are also receiving very encouraging reports from the different churches all over the State and if there are any preachers anywhere who are idle, please come over to Arkansas and give us a lift, for people in Arkansas are surely hungry for the full Gospel.—J. M. Viney, State Overseer.

NORTH CHATTANOOGA REVIVAL IN FULL BLAST

The power of the Lord is falling and people are weeping through to God. Will continue through next week, closing Sunday, June 6th with all day service and dinner on the ground. Order of service: Brother Llewellyn of Cleveland will preach at the 11:00 o'clock hour, baptizing at 3:00 o'clock and will observe the Lord's supper and feet washing at 7:30 p. m. Come one, come all. You are welcome.—I. G. Roberts, Pastor.

Give God the Glory

PERRY, Fla.—We have just closed a wonderful revival at Perry, Florida conducted by Brother J. M. Baldree and wife, Brother P. W. Chessier and wife, and Brother H. L. Chessier. The writer was with them several days. Twenty were saved, sixteen sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost and thirteen added to the church. We give God all the glory. We are to start a revival at Carbur, Fla. soon. If any church wants a revival they will do well to secure this band of workers as there are four good preachers in this band and they carry a fine string band along with them also. We have prayed for some time for a revival at Perry and the Lord heard our prayers by sending the above named band of workers who also went to fasting and praying and the results followed.—E. B. Culpepper, Pastor of Carbur and Perry churches.

Report of the Lindale, Ga. Meeting

I am praising God this morning for His wonderful power, and for the wonderful meeting that has just closed at Lindale. Bro. Ernest Dilbeck was with us for nearly five weeks. It was a hard fight, but God was with us and we gained the victory. It was the best revival that has been in Lindale in a long time. God certainly anointed Bro. Ernest with a special anointing.

He gave out the Word with power, strong men fell in the altar weeping their way to God. Some men and women confessing things that they had kept hidden for years, trying to shout and fool people, but thank God when the Word of God was given it searched them out. So many of our young ladies received the Holy Ghost, and are shouting the victory. Two bright young men received the blessing and are powers for God. It is truly wonderful what God has done.

I want to say Bro. Dilbeck does not compromise with the devil. He preached the old time Gospel.

Thirteen received the Holy Ghost, a good many saved and eighteen came into the Church. The saints were lifted up. We are getting back to the old time power. Hallelujah. I am longing to see the gifts restored. I want to say we are in the hardest fight that we have had, you that know any thing about Rome can understand what I mean, Brother Dilbeck is with us now at that place, but we are looking for God to bless. Already there has been some confessing. We have had a struggle to keep it alive, but by the help of the Lord and the saints at Lindale and the few that have stood by us at Rome we are going to win. Praise the Lord.

We had a great day Easter Sunday, Brothers Lee, Boehmer, and Culpepper were with us. It meant so much to the Church of God here to have such men to preach. The outside world certainly sat up and took notice. We feel so secure with such men as our leaders. The Church of God is going on to victory. I feel it as I write. It is time to buckle on the armour a little tighter. Pray for us. Mrs. S. J. Heath.

BLEST IN PRAYER MEETING

ETOWAH, Ark.—I want to sound a note of praise this beautiful morning for my blessed Saviour, I am truly thanking and praising Him this morning for saving my soul, sanctifying and baptizing me with the blessed Holy Ghost. I am a member of the Church of God and am proud of it. There are a few holiness people here and we were in a little prayer meeting last night which was a blessing to all present. Two or three souls were saved and I earnestly plead that you who are strong will pray that the Lord will strengthen us as we try to hold up the Word of the Lord to lost and dying souls here.—Fred and Bessie Pipkin.

Testimonies

TEARS OF GRIEF TURN TO JOY

DURHAM, N. C.—I will call your attention to Eph. 6:15, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

This is Wednesday afternoon while all is quite at my shop God is still on His throne and still causes the joy bells of heaven to ring in my soul. The glorious love of God illuminates my pathway, the fire of the Holy Ghost is burning in my heart. These are the greatest days of my life. Some window of heaven seems to have been opened for the joy and gladness is overflowing in my soul. I kneel to pray and rise rejoicing. The tears of grief and sorrow and a burdened soul have been turned into tears of the deepest joy and peace that I have ever experienced.

Sometimes I can't understand why the Lord blesses me as He does when I feel as unworthy of His blessings but as I raise my eyes and lift my voice the answer comes back like a thunderbolt from a clear sky, "I have held the cup of bitterness to your lips, you have drained the drugs. I have led you through your own garden of Gethsemane, I have led you to stand by five caskets with a broken heart

and looked for the last time upon one companion. I have led you to unclasp the arms of your baby girl and three boys and to look on your father and mother, one brother and two sisters. I have seen your tears of agony and bitterness shed so many times for them. I have set you as a lamb among lions. I have led you through the fiery furnace. I am your advocate, pleading your case to my Father and have tried you and you came out purified and made white."

I thank God for a pay day. It surely comes in joy and blessings. I am drinking from the fountain I am feasting from the abundance of good things from a table laid and spread with heavenly manna. I am aboard the heaven bound train and have a ticket purchased with the blood of the Lamb and the conductor is Christ Himself and I am going through with Him by His grace and help to keep me. Although the devil has tried in many ways to side track the train but she is still on the life line. The track is clear and she has the right to the riches of heaven.

I mean to go through regardless of the cost. I have my face set heavenward and my feet on the solid rock; the tempest may rage, the billows may surge and foam but I am going through. We need never to expect not to be tempted for it will surely come. The enemy works in many ways and by many plans to drag the children of God back into sin, and it pays us to have on the whole armour of God that we might be able to withstand in the evil day and having done all we can, just stand. Thank God.

When we have put on the whole armour of God we can go out into the thickest battle and the enemy is so strong that we can not press our way through then just simply stand. God will take care of us. All the fiery darts of hell may be hurled at us but the armour of God can not be thrust through. I am glad that we are serving a true and living God that will be with us always even unto the end of the earth.

Please pray for me that I may stand true to God and do His will in all things.—J. M. Sherron.

HEAR THE MACEDONIAN CALL "COME OVER AND HELP US"

E. YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio.—I am a believer in the whole Bible, rightly divided and on a real Gospel foundation, divided on a Christian and a Holy Life principal elevation. Since once being a visitor and a hearer of one of God's Holy messengers in the city of Philadelphia, the discipline being under the auspices of the Church of God rules and practice, I have not found any that seems to me that are loyal to the Scriptures fully as your discipline outline. I include the exception of a holiness lady missionary who came through this city last year. Since I have come away from Philadelphia I have cried and prayed until I have found the Messiah. Ah, the Lord is so sweet and through joy my cup runneth over. I've been visiting a good many holiness assemblies here in Youngstown and it seems that the Spirit strongly conveyed my mind and soul toward the Church of God which is hid in the Mountain of Jehovah. I am appealing to some one to come to Youngstown who is preaching the Church of God. I am herewith enclosing one dollar for which please send me your paper. There is so much life in it. I covet your prayers for I mean to journey with the people of God. I cannot refuse to go.—W. E. Joiner.

CANAAN LAND EXPERIENCE

MATTHEWS, Ga.—I praise God this morning that I have left the land of death and sin, for praise the Lord I have been saved from sin and death.

Jesus is the one, altogether lovely in my heart. He is the bright and morning star of my life. I am so glad to testify of being saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and a

member of the Church of God, and we are no longer under the old Egyptian bondage but are enjoying the blessings of the Canaan land experience. Pray for me.—Lexie Dennis, R. No. 2

FEASTING ON THE WORD

DETROIT, Mich.—I have been a member of the great Church of God for nearly four years. My husband has been coming with me for nearly that long. He was United Brethren for years. His father a United Brethren preacher.

The wonderful feast we had while our dear Brother Llewellyn was here in Detroit with us melted our hearts to hear him tell of the wonderful things of God and his own experience. I used no less than two handkerchiefs a night and they were soaked with tears. When we talk about him in our home the tears come to our eyes. We all love him so and wish he could have stayed longer with us. We hope he comes again soon.

I believe it has caused my husband to become hungry for the same experience he has. Anyway while our dear Brother Moreland was holding meetings here he began to seek for the Holy Ghost and one Sunday morning he came into the Church. We all love Brother Moreland and believe he lives the life he preaches. My husband has all confidence in him and believes he is a God sent man. Oh, we have feasted on the Word of God as the truth has been brought from time to time. He left no dirty corners, but did a real house cleaning as he went along. Our hearts were made to rejoice while it hit us many times, but I want to be true to God and His Church.

I want to love everybody and not only be a hearer of the Word as it was brought to us, but I want to be a doer also. Jesus is coming soon and I want to be in that number, and never can we say we haven't heard the full Gospel for we sat under the firing lines for nearly two weeks, only when I was sick and could not go. Oh! praise God for it.—Sister McCurdy.

Christ Died That We Might Have Life

CORSICANA, Tex.—I will write a few lines as I feel I ought to say something in behalf of our dear Saviour who died that we might live this wonderful way.

I have not been in the way of holiness very long, but it is my aim to go on and by His help and grace I mean to stand true and meet my dear Saviour in peace.

I thank and praise Him for saving my soul and baptizing me with the sweet Holy Spirit. How I love Him who died that we might have life and have it more abundantly. I don't belong to any church here on earth, but I know my name is in the Lamb's book of life. I want to join the Church of God, but there is not one here, so we go to the Pentecostal Church.

I want the saints to pray that we will have a revival. This place needs to wake up and it will take the power of the Lord to wake the sleeping souls.

Pray for my husband that he will see the wonderful light and that we may ever be doing the things our Saviour would have us do.—Mrs. W. F. Meador, R. 4, Box 74.

WANTS THE LORD TO HAVE HIS WAY

ROSWELL, Ga.—I want to praise the Lord for what He has done for me. He has saved, sanctified and baptized me with the blessed Holy Ghost. I want every one who reads this to pray that I will get stronger in this way, also pray that my health will be restored. Pray for our family that the Lord will have His way with us and that we may be counted His own.—Miss Ada Bramlett.

LIVING FOR IT—STANDING FOR IT

HAYNES, Ark.—I am praising God because He saved me from that awful life of sin. I

Orphanage Report

FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 15 FROM ETHEL HANNA, Youngstown, O., for Mabel: 1 box dishes; knife, fork and spoon; 1 pr. hose; 1 t'd'kt; 6 candy suckers; 1 waist; 1 pr. panties; 1 combination suit.

CASH DONATION

Church, Lawton, Okla., \$1.33; church, Milton, W. Va., \$2.77; S. S. Nocatee, Fla., \$1.25; church, Calhoun, Ga., \$0.50; S. S. Boaz, Ala., \$3.00; S. S. Silver Bluff, Fla., \$38.80; church, St. Joseph, Mo., \$1.00; P. B. Powers, Dequincy, La., \$1.00; church, The Oaks, Fla., \$5.30; church, Electra, Tex., special offering, \$12.00; church, Electra, Tex., \$6.12; Solicited by Mrs. Mae Akers, Hiawatha, W. Va., \$2.50; Ida Kissinger, Princeton, W. Va., \$0.50; S. S. Mt. Vernon, Ill., \$1.61; Solicited by Gertie Reed, Widner, Ark., \$1.50; Solicited by Laura Willis, Warfield, Ky., \$4.25; S. S. Rome, Ga., \$1.48; church, Cincinnati, O., \$9.00; church, Oak Grove, Miss., \$2.00; S. S. Jefferson City, Tenn., \$6.50; church, Middlesboro, Ky., \$1.05; S. S. Middlesboro, Ky., \$0.80; church, Pittsburg, Kans., \$1.28;

churches, Logan, Benton and Christopher, Ill., \$44.85; church, Middletown, O., \$7.20; church, Toledo, O., \$4.60; church, Alabama City, Ala., \$17.05; S. S. Hickory Grove, S. C., \$1.00; church, Wilmington, Del., \$1.82; church, Fyffe, Ala., \$3.71; church, Williston, N. C., \$2.70; church, No. 2 Tusquite, N. C., \$1.36; church, Walhalla, S. C., \$2.62; W. T. Cannaday, Dipe, Tex., \$30.50; church, River View, Miss., \$1.41; S. S. Ft. Myers, Fla., \$17.87; church, Dade City, Fla., \$2.50; church, Lawton, Okla., \$2.85; church, Kennedy, Ala., \$3.41; church, Augusta, Ga., \$12.00; Solicited by Mamie Carmean, Eden, Md., \$7.15; S. S. Delbarton, W. Va., \$1.90; Tassie Cone, Middlesex, N. C., \$1.00; S. S. Walbridge, O., \$5.25; S. S. Pleasant, Mo., \$2.00; From the estate of Priscilla R. Moody (deceased), Wimauma, Fla., \$50.00; church, Kathleen, Fla., \$6.26; Solicited by Fannie Nabors, Piedmont, Ala., \$2.95; church, Greenville, N. C., \$7.45; S. S. Johnson City, Ill., \$5.00; church, Lake Odessa, Mich., \$5.73;

am sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God. I am living holy and standing for the Church of God. I don't expect to live for something that is holy and stand for another thing which is unholy.

I praise the Lord because I am not working for the devil but I am standing and working for God and His Church.

The Lord wonderfully blessed us at Bay Village. The altar was crowded with seekers. Pray for us.—Leo Cooper, Box 38.

JESUS SUFFERED FOR OUR SINS

MIDDLESEX, N. C.—The Lord has done so much for me I feel like magnifying His name above this world. My desire is to do what Jesus commands and one thing I want to do is to hold Him up above this earth, for He said if we would hold Him up above this earth He would draw all men unto Him. Some folks hold up a natural man, but I believe we ought to hold Jesus up in our lives and tell of His mighty power to save, and how He suffered on the cruel cross of Calvary and died that the Holy Ghost might come back and comfort His people and teach them.

Through the suffering of Jesus our bodies are healed, so I want to testify to all of these things.—R. O. Dement.

ON VICTORY SIDE

CATRON, Mo.—I feel that it is the Lord's will for me to write a few lines to the Evangel this beautiful morning. I am glad because it finds us on victory side with the victory in our souls and we give Jesus all the praise. Ever since He saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost I have had the fire burning in my soul, but I still have a desire to go deeper in the Lord. There are many lost souls in our community. When you pray please remember that you have a brother and a few sisters asking you to pray for them and the lost souls at this place.

Levi Huffman.

RELIEVED AT ONCE

CECILIA, Ky.—I want to praise the Lord for what He is to me. He saved, sanctified me and I thank the Lord for His healing power. Last spring I had a severe attack with something like flu. I sent a handkerchief to be prayed over and anointed and I began to get better at once. When the handkerchief returned I placed it on my side and at once I was able to be up.

I am not a member of the Church of God, but I believe in all her teachings. I have a habit which keeps me from coming in to the Church and I ask all to pray that the Lord will help me to lay it down. Please pray that I will be ready when He comes or calls.—Mrs. A. H. Hatfield, Route 2

SALVATION RESTORED

LITWAR, W. Va.—I thank the Lord for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and for leading me into the truths of His Word.

When we moved to this place about six years ago, there was

not a church here and I never prayed as I should, so I began to lose my experience. I had been as it were, under a cloud since I came here until about three months ago, the Lord began to talk to me as never before. It seemed that He talked to me as if every one could hear him, telling me that I had acted like Jonah, but if I would pray and return to Him, He would make me a soul winner. I am again living for Him and expect to do so till He comes or calls for me. I realize that the time will not be long when He will call for us to inherit the mansions prepared for us. It did not seem that I had backslidden but had just disobeyed the Lord so long, till He had hidden His face from me, but I am happy to say that today I am getting back where I once was. We are having services here every Sunday and Wednesday nights and if anyone feels led to come and hold a meeting for us, we will be glad for you to do so, for the devil is strong here but there are lots of honest hearts who want salvation.

Pray that my faith may not waver, as I have two small children and am trusting in the Lord. Pray also for my unsaved husband.—Mrs. J. H. Stits.

Let Our Lights Shine

(Continued from page 3) ones just read St. Luke 6:35-37. We ought to seek God more for that sweet meekness that Christ had. Lord help us to do God's will and to trust Him.

I have trusted God for my body for almost two years. I used to believe that medicine and the Lord all worked together but I am so glad I found out at last that the Lord doesn't need any help to heal any one. If we do God's will and trust in Him He will answer our cries when we are suffering. It seems dark sometimes but when the enemy attacks our bodies and our little children's bodies and no one around to call in for prayer, (of course God hears all, but our faith is increased if we have others to pray with us that are truly trusting God.) Dear ones who know the worth of prayer, pray for me and my family that we will stand all trials and come out for God and His cause.—Mrs. Isa-Belle Sherron.

Reality in Salvation

SIPSEY, Ala.—I want to praise the Lord for the good paper, the Church of God Evangel for it means so much to me, especially in the place of which I now live. All are unbelievers, but He has said He would go with us all the way and I am striving to stand true to the one who loves me so well that He gave His only Son for His people, that they might, in the end be saved. I want to praise the Lord for healing my family at different times. Pray for me for I am living in a place where one who is living right, is hardly recognized but I mean to live in a way that they may know that there is reality in the salvation which I profess.—Kittie Barnett.